

**Resource Family Approval (RFA) - Project Management Team
Conference Call / Webinar Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2013 · 1:00 – 3:30**

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- Review Permanency Assessment of the Resource Family Applicant
 - Discuss Stakeholder Participation and Engagement
 - Discuss Next Steps
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MEETING MINUTES FROM 3/7/13 CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

1. Introductions:

- Yuba County has withdrawn from the RFA project.
- Kings County has joined the RFA project.

2. Question/Concerns Since the Last Meeting:

- None expressed.
- Reviewed what material we have looked at as a group.
 - Foster Family Home regulations articles 1-5

3. Review of Permanency Assessment of the Resource Family Applicant

- Reviewed section A1-18 and identified changes to be made (please review attached document)
- The following were identified as areas that need further discussion:
 - #1 Whether interviews/contact with applicants should all occur in the home.
 - #10 regarding the health questionnaire.

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- ❖ What forms to use, examples given were - AD524 (a state form) and licensing's health screening report.
- ❖ Costs should be considered.
- ❖ Mental health is not included. Suggested that mental health be addressed in a separate section.
- #14 Information from additional sources as necessary with appropriate authorization.
 - ❖ What if someone refuses to sign a release?
 - ❖ San Francisco requested further discussion.
 - ❖ The adoption regulation can be found in section 35181 b4
- #15 Considerations of the following factors for the resource family applicant, as well as any children or other adults residing in the home.
 - ❖ E & G - Currently different standards are in place for a relative caregiver than for an adoptive or foster family.
 - ❖ I – How will this be addressed with the different placements, foster, adoption and relative family?
- #17 If the resource family applicant is a birth parent of a child which he/she desires to adopt, consider: Whether the conditions which led to the child's removal from the parent still exist.
 - ❖ San Francisco suggested this be reworded or moved somewhere else.
 - ❖ Does it need to be here?

Next Conference Call/Webinar Scheduled For: April 18, 2013

- Call-in information to be emailed out in advance